

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 remain pending in the application, with claims 1, 12 and 19-22 being the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview that the Examiner conducted with Applicants' attorney. During that telephonic interview, the Examiner indicated that claim amendments in the form set forth above would advance prosecution in the present case.

It is noted that the above amendments are presented to clarify the meaning of the term "statistical significance", as that term is used in the claims. See, e.g., page 10 lines 9-10 and page 26 lines 4-6.

More specifically, during the telephonic interview the Examiner asserted that the different probability bands shown on the National Weather Service map likely would have different levels of "significance" to individuals viewing the map. For example, certain individuals would attach more significance to being located in a region that is designated as having a high-percentage chance of being hit by the hurricane than to being located in a region that is in a designated lower-percentage band.

The pending claims never were intended to encompass such a broad concept of ordinary "significance". Accordingly, the present claim amendments are intended to more clearly distinguish the claims' use of the term "statistical significance" from such a broader concept of significance.

As a result, the above claim amendments are believed to eliminate any potential arguments based on the presently applied art. Accordingly, all claims in the application are

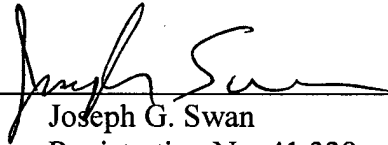
believed to be in condition for allowance, and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested.

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